

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

This illegal
action, nothing more
than a blatant
attempt to influence
the election
outcome, is the sort
of behavior that
illustrates why we
need to keep control
of the airwaves out
of the hands of
special interests.
Imagine how Hitler
would have made use
of this powerful
media, were it
available to him,
and you'll envision
a world that we are
in danger of
becoming.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve

more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.